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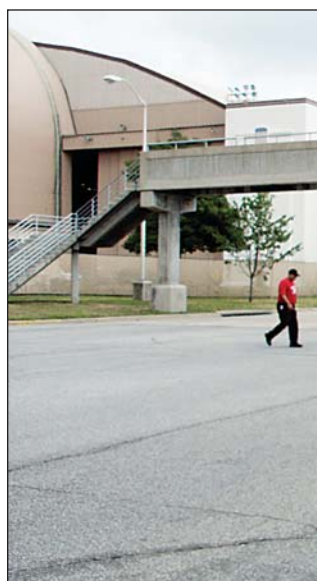
# THE ROBINS REV-UP

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Robins Air Force Base, Ga.



## THE MACH READ



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**Beginning Oct. 3, Robins employees will not be allowed to walk through the vehicle entrance and exit at Gate 31, but will be required to use the pedestrian overpass, pictured here.**

## New security and safety initiatives start Oct. 3

As part of Phase II of the installation's airfield security and safety enhancement plan, access to the flight line by privately owned vehicles (POV) is terminated effective Oct. 3.

However, POVs with proper vehicle passes to the industrial area will still be allowed, at this time.

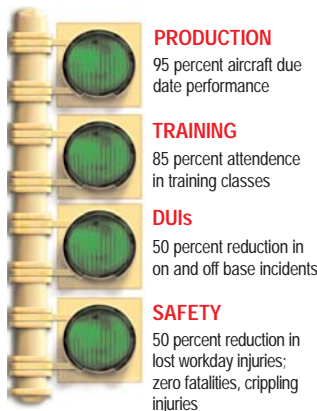
The other safety enhancement effective Oct. 3 is the mandatory use of the First Street overpass (crosswalk) at Gate 31. Employees will not be able to cross the road and enter or exit through the vehicle gate.

Those incentives may cause some initial discomfort, but employees are asked to cooperate in the spirit of putting worker safety first.

— From staff reports

## ON TRACK

The designated goal day is Nov. 10. The measurement period began April 1 and ends Sept. 30.



**WHAT IT MEANS**  
Green means goal is being met or exceeded.  
Yellow means goal has not been met, but is still attainable.  
Red means goal cannot be met.

## 'YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN'



## Robins remembers prisoners, missing

U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Robins honored prisoners of war and those missing in action during a National POW/MIA recognition ceremony Sept. 16. Speakers at the POW/MIA retreat ceremony were Col. Theresa Carter, Sen. Saxby Chambliss, JoAnne Shirley, and Chief Master Sgt. Billy Doolittle.

**Top:** John R. Dominey, a World War II prisoner of war, salutes as the flag is retired at the POW/MIA ceremony Sept. 16.

**Right:** Tech Sgt. Dan Pacheco and Tech Sgt. Ramona Delamarter fold the flag at the ceremony.



## Environmental cleanup ahead of schedule

By HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD  
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Robins is leading the way in environmental cleanup.

The Air Force has given its air logistics centers until 2014 to put systems in place to clean up sites contamination from past industrial operations – and Robins is ahead of schedule, with 13 systems now in place to clean up remaining sites. To date, more than half the total 79 environmental sites here have been cleaned up.

Charline Logue, an environmental scientist and project manager for the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron's Environmental Management Division's Restoration Cleanup Program, said Robins is taking a proactive approach to protecting



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

**Andy Long, operations technician, adjusts a pH analyzer.**

the environment, by cleaning up environmental sites nine years ahead of Air Force goals.

"During the early years of air-

craft repair, disposal of chemicals caused contamination at sites at Robins," she said. "The

► see **CLEANUP**, 2A

## 78th CEG troops aid in Katrina recovery

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Capt. Charles Fletcher went to New Orleans to support the Hurricane Katrina recovery effort. He will return home with a new perspective on life.

Captain Fletcher, chief of maintenance engineering for the 78th Civil Engineer Group, is part of a 27-member CEG team that deployed Sept. 4 to aid in the recovery effort.

Extended family reaches out to family in need.  
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He described the trip as uneventful until the bus transporting the Robins team and the several trucks accompanying them reached Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., for a refueling stop.

## Biloxi 'Mind-Boggling'

"When we passed through Biloxi, I was bewildered because of the magnitude of the damage that came from the hurricane," he said. "I've never witnessed the effects of anything like that before. It was mind-boggling."

"It all makes me realize that no day is guaranteed," he said. "I am definitely experiencing a new perspective on life. Hurricane Katrina is by far the worst disaster of any type storm that I have witnessed in my lifetime."

He described the 78th contingent as a multi-skilled team with a range of specialties – electricians, power production specialists, pavement and equipment specialists, heating, ventilation and air conditioning, and water and sewage specialists.

## Tent Cities House 3,000

The team's first order of business was to support the construction of a tent city on the grounds of the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport to house about 1,000 Air Force personnel, including civil

► see **SUPPORT**, 5A

## A 'Spectacular' event

### Hispanic Heritage Observance continues with cultural show

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If you missed Robins' kick off of its 30th annual Hispanic heritage celebration Sunday at Gator Park, have no fear, the Hispanic Heritage Committee has plenty left in store.

The cultural celebration continues with the Spectacular Hispanic Cultural Show at the Museum of Aviation's amphitheater Saturday.

Marylou Medina, a program support clerk with the

## WHAT TO KNOW

Hispanic Heritage Month runs from Sept. 15 - Oct. 15 and offers a wide variety of cultural and educational activities that honor Hispanic Heritage. Robins' Hispanic Heritage Committee will hold a variety of events, including entertainment, seminars and a luncheon as part of the 30th annual celebration. All events are open to the public. For more information, visit [www.robins.af.mil/heritage](http://www.robins.af.mil/heritage), or contact Armando Diaz, Hispanic Heritage Month Committee chairperson, at 926-1785. For more information on the Spectacular Hispanic Cultural Show contact Louie Barrientes at 222-1376.

► see **SPECTACULAR**, 2A

## THINK SAFETY

**AIRMEN AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING**  
To request a ride, call 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236.

**SLOW DOWN** ► 625 speeding tickets have been issued to date. Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

TODAY  
9/26/05



SAVEDAY  
9/26/05



SUNDAY  
9/26/05





## Honorary Commanders



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
Maj. General Mike Collings, Center commander, inducts Eddie Wiggins as an honorary commander. Community leaders were inducted as honorary commanders during a ceremony Tuesday at the Museum of Aviation. The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's Honorary Commanders Program was recently developed to promote an exchange of ideas, experiences, and friendships between key community leaders and Robins' military commanders. The program will offer Middle Georgia community members a chance to shadow wing and group commanders here.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
Tyrone Daniel, lab technician, checks the trichloroethylene analyzer. Trichloroethylene is a chemical that is a common component of solvents and, here at Robins, a common contaminant in groundwater.

## CLEANUP

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focus of the cleanup division is to clean up environmental sites that were formerly used for landfills, fire protection training, and waste disposal in support of the base's mission."

Base environmental division employees and several area environmental consultants worked together to develop systems to address the efforts.

Each site was initially evaluated based on the type and amount of contamination to determine what systems would work best to clean up the affected areas.

The systems will continue to operate until all contamination affecting groundwater and soil is cleaned up. Robins began the investigative process of these sites in 1989. The first systems were put in place in 1995.

Fred Otto, environmental restoration cleanup program manager here, said the multi-million dollar program will free up natural resources for the base.

"This allows us to reuse the land for something else," he said. "A lot of these places are areas that have use restrictions. By cleaning it up, the land can be used for some other mission-related activity."

According to Mr. Otto, Robins has received high praise

for its cleanup efforts, with the deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health, calling Robins' cleanup program "one of the best in the Air Force."

Steve Coyle, 78th CEG's Environmental Management Division chief, echoed those remarks.

"I am extremely proud of our cleanup program and the success it has achieved," he said. "I am especially pleased to be reaching the last 'Remedy in Place' status at Robins, even though there are many years left of operation and maintenance associated with the selected remedy to achieve total clean up at all sites."

## SPECTACULAR

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Civilian Personnel Office, who serves as the chairperson for the outreach portion of the Hispanic Heritage Committee, said the gates will open at 6 p.m. and the event will begin at 7 p.m. It is expected to last until about 10 p.m.

Those who plan to attend are welcome to bring lawn chairs and snacks and beverages for the night of culture under the stars.

Ms. Medina said the National Hispanic Heritage observance began in the early 1980s and the main focus is to educate people and create awareness.

"That's exactly what we plan to do," she said. "Create awareness among our communities."

Ms. Medina said that with everything going on right now like the Hurricane Katrina disaster, this event is something extra special.

"This is somewhere that people can go and enjoy with their family," she said. "It's like a distraction, a way to get away from everything for a moment and relax, enjoy and learn a little bit more about the people we're living around because you don't really understand until you actually see it and live it."

The cultural event is being sponsored by the 402nd Maintenance Wing this year and boasts a wide array of live entertainment.

The alcohol free event will feature horse dancing, rope tricks and musical representations and dance from different Hispanic countries. During the event winners from a local



U.S. Air Force photo by EDWARD ASPERA JR.  
The Robins community turned out for the Hispanic Food Tasting Saturday at Gator Park.

elementary school poster contest will also be announced. The students each created a poster with a Hispanic heritage theme. The winning poster will be used for next year's heritage observance advertising.

Ms. Medina, who was born in the United States to Mexican parents said even she hasn't been exposed to a lot of the different Hispanic cultures.

"Even though I've traveled a lot, I haven't sat down and had real conversations discussing the various cultures," she said. "I think the more we learn from each other's culture, the better we'll be able to understand each other and have a better work environment."

With the theme of "Developing Partnership with Our People and Our Community", the cultural exchange will continue through Oct. 15 with the culminating event being a banquet and Gala Night at the Enlisted Club.



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Louie Barrientes & Regalo enter with the colors at a past Hispanic Heritage Show.

### HISPANIC HERITAGE EVENTS

- Saturday -- Hispanic Spectacular Cultural Show, Museum of Aviation Amphitheatre, 7 p.m. Gates will open at 6 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.
  - Oct. 3 -- Luncheon at the Enlisted Club, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10, and can be obtained at [www.robins.af.mil/heritage](http://www.robins.af.mil/heritage). Keynote speaker will be Dr. Gabriel A. Rincon-Mora, engineer, scholar, author, artist and inventor. Call Ed Armijo at 926-6301 or email [edward.armijo@robins.af.mil](mailto:edward.armijo@robins.af.mil) for details.
  - Oct. 14 -- Orgullo Hispano Luncheon at the Officers' Club, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Tickets can be obtained at [www.robins.af.mil/heritage](http://www.robins.af.mil/heritage). Keynote speaker will be Col. Pedro Vasquez. For details and ticket price, contact Andy Diaz at 926-1785 or 1786, or Ruben Dominguez at 926-1217 or [ruben.dominguez@robins.af.mil](mailto:ruben.dominguez@robins.af.mil).
  - Oct. 15 -- Banquet at the Enlisted Club, 6 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. For more information and ticket price, call Miriam Rodriguez or Gopi Weldon at 926-7249.
- For more information, visit the Hispanic Heritage Homepage: [www.robins.af.mil/heritage](http://www.robins.af.mil/heritage).





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To be or not to be accountable

When you arrive at work each day, what is it that drives you to begin the day's tasks as opposed to surfing the Internet? What is it that motivates you to police your work area or perform file maintenance during work delays as opposed to making out your shopping list or socializing with your coworkers? I would say it is our values that sway these decisions. While so much is preached about our accountability to our organization, it is our personal accountability that affects the thousands of decisions we make each day. What is accountability? Webster defines it as "an obligation or willingness to accept responsibility or to account for one's actions." Other words that come to mind are integrity, honesty, virtue, commitment, and empowerment. While the scope of accountability is far reaching (management accountability, employee accountability, corporate accountability), words such as integrity and honesty hit closer to personal accountability. It is clear that all other levels of accountability originate with our personal values or virtue. Some years ago, Paul Harvey did one of his popular "The Rest of the Story" broadcasts. He told the true story about an older man who was a great admirer of democracy and public education. He had a great dream

to bring those two things together in the creation of a new public college where the students would practice self-governance. There would be no rules or regulations. The goodwill and judgment of the students would run the college. After years of planning, the school was finally opened, and the older man was overjoyed. But as the months went by, the students proved time and time again that they were not the models of goodness and discipline and good judgment that the man had envisioned. They skipped classes. They drank to excess. They wasted hours in frivolous pursuits. They had no sense of accountability. Then one night 14 students disguised themselves with masks, filled themselves with alcohol, and went on a rampage that ended in a brutal brawl. One student hit a professor with a brick, and another used a cane on his victim. In response, the college's trustees met in a special meeting. The older man, now 82 years old and very frail, was asked to address the student body. In his remarks, he recalled the lofty principles upon which the college had been founded. He said he had expected more – much more – from the students. He even confessed that this was the most painful event in his life. Suddenly, he stopped speaking. Tears welled up in his failing eyes. He was so overcome

with grief that he sat down, unable to go on. His audience was so touched that at the conclusion of the meeting the 14 offenders stepped forward to admit their guilt. The students accounted for their actions, but they could not undo the damage already done. A strict code of conduct and numerous regulations were instituted at the college. Now, that college went on to become one of the great universities in America, but at that moment the older man felt heartsick. His experiment didn't go the way he had planned. Why? Because he took for granted the one essential ingredient necessary for any democracy's success – the virtue and goodness of the people. Those young students weren't spiritually mature enough to realize that only a good and virtuous people can secure and maintain their freedom. A short time later on the fourth of July, the man died. Among the items engraved on his tombstone are these simple words: "Thomas Jefferson -- Author of the Declaration of American Independence ... and Father of the University of Virginia." Now, as Paul Harvey would put it, "you know the rest of the story."

Bill Meeks, chief,  
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Is bottled water better than tap?

Bottled water is touted on television and advertised in grocery stores. Bottled water can be sparkling, lemon-flavored, and even raspberry-flavored. It comes from exotic sources such as artesian wells and mountain springs. But no one advertises tap water. So, bottled water must be better than the Base tap water, right? Actually, many of the larger manufacturers sell bottled water that comes from the tap water of municipalities. However, while one gallon of tap water costs the

average American citizen less than one penny, a 12-ounce container of bottled water can cost upwards of \$1.69, or about \$18 per gallon. Is bottled water safer? The manufacturer is required to test bottled water once a year but the Food and Drug Administration regulates bottled water only if it crosses a state line. Consequently, more than 50 percent of all bottled water is exempt from those regulations because it is bottled and sold in a single state.

By contrast, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has set national safety standards for more than 80 contaminants that may occur in drinking water. State-certified laboratories analyze this tap water to ensure its quality. But what about Robins' water system? The Georgia Environmental Protection Division directs all Community Water Systems to provide an annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to their cus-

tomers. The CCR was provided to base residents in the June 17 edition of The Robins Rev-Up, and illustrates that Robins' water meets or exceeds USEPA standards. Hard copies of the CCR can be obtained by contacting Public Affairs at 926-2137. Electronic copies are located at <http://www.robins.af.mil/78ME DGP/newsletters/CCR2004d4.pdf>.

78th Civil Engineer  
Group/CEVQ

'Dear Roz'

**Q: Will the implementation of the National Security Personnel System affect the current Air Force procedures established for hiring and staffing the work force?**

**A:** Yes — The proposed laws contained in NSPS give the Department of Defense the opportunity to define, within the new human resource system, features that will streamline hiring, attract high-quality applicants, and enhance the DoD's ability to meet critical mission requirements, while preserving principles of merit and veteran's preference. In addition, the NSPS contains the authority to simplify job changes and reassignments, and help establish appropriate pay setting. Some of the key features of the proposed laws include:

- ▶ DoD, with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), may establish new hiring authorities tailored to the Department's need;
- ▶ Government-wide hiring authori-

ties and tools are to be retained;

- ▶ Direct-hire authority for severe shortage or critical needs is vested in the Office of the Secretary of Defense;
- ▶ Preserves Veteran's preference;
- ▶ DoD will be able to improve and streamline examining procedures to speed up the hiring process.

One of the driving forces for the proposed NSPS is the need to transform today's human resource system based on events of Sept. 11, 2001. Senior leaders determined that our military were not readily accessible based on their current assignments during the Sept. 11 tragedy. Possessing the ability to utilize unclassified skills of civilian employees in a timelier manner to fill in behind the departing military would be invaluable. Today's civil service system is very constraining and does not allow for utilization of unclassified skills possessed by our civilian workforce. NSPS authorities provide the DoD

with an expanded set of tools for assigning and reassigning employees in response to mission changes and priorities. The new NSPS will give managers at all levels a greater ability to acquire, advance and shape their workforce in response to their organizational needs and ultimately the DoD's missions and goals. If your organization has not received the NSPS Overview, please contact the WRALC/CCN office at 926-4023 to schedule a date and time for the presentation. Also, please continue to check the latest information on NSPS by clicking on the NSPS Logo located on the Robins Homepage.

Rosalind 'Roz' Overton, NSPS transition assistant, will address employees' NSPS concerns in the Robins Rev-Up each week. For more information, call Ms. Overton at 926-4023 or visit the NSPS link at [www.robins.af.mil](http://www.robins.af.mil).



Rosalind 'Roz' Overton is a National Security Personnel System transition assistant.



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78th Air Base Wing  
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Commander's  
Action Line

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live. Remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible: Security Forces 327-3445; Services Division 926-5491; EEO Office 926-2131; MEO 926-6608; Employee Relations 926-5802; Military Pay 926-3777; IDEA 926-2536; Base hospital 327-7850; Civil engineering 926-5657; Public Affairs 926-2137; Safety Office 926-6271; Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline 926-2393; Housing Office 926-3776. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes. To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 or for the quickest response, e-mail one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account, use [action.line@robins.af.mil](mailto:action.line@robins.af.mil). Readers can also visit <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/action-line.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up. Anonymous action lines will not be processed.

Calling Base Finance

I am inquiring why it is acceptable to call every phone number in base finance directorate and not be able to talk to a human being. Whenever I've called any phone number, but especially 6-3777 and 6-4022, I get the automated service which directs you to the extension/customer service element you need in finance. Once connected to the extension it rings a few times and goes to a mail box which is full, or if you are able to leave a message, no one returns your call. I don't mind taking a ride to Building 301 to ask a question but with the parking situation in that area and the price for a gallon of gas it's just more cost effective and environmentally friendlier to pick up the phone and ask a simple question.

Colonel Patterson's Reply

You are right – that's not acceptable. You should be able to call the finance office and talk to a customer service representative during our customer service hours. At times, the customer service counter is busy and we do rely on our voice mail system to capture customer inquiries. Your complaint (and several others) highlighted an issue we had with our voicemail boxes. That issue has been resolved. I called this morning on four different occasions and it works. Thanks for bringing this to our attention. We're confident the fix will result in timely voice mail responses. You may also reach a finance customer service representative by sending an email to [78cpts.fmc.milpay](mailto:78cpts.fmc.milpay). Again, thank you for your comments and we sincerely hope the measures taken will improve the quality of service to all of our finance customers.





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Tech Sgt. Michael Ehrman (center) installs lighting in a tent.

## SUPPORT

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engineers from Robins and three other Air Force bases. The team also provided tents for the Army’s 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg, N.C., in another area on the airport grounds. That tent city supports more than 2,000 Army troops.

“The conditions are relatively comfortable,” Captain Fletcher said. “This is nothing new for us since we normally deploy and train under contingency environments. Our tents are air conditioned, the dining facility is up, and we are able to shower daily, so life is wonderful.”

With the tent cities completed, the engineers began sending two teams of about 30 people per team to New Orleans to help with mobility operations in areas where the water has receded. The work is beginning to bear fruit, he said.



New Orleans International Airport becomes a tent city as members of the 82nd Airborne Division move in.

### Moving in the Right Direction

“In the two-week span we have been here, there has been a drastic improvement in the area,” he said. “The recovery is definitely moving in the right direction.

“CE’s presence is definitely felt and is making an enormous impact,” he added. “We maintain facilities for more than 3,000 people, and I know we are making a difference at both

New Orleans International Airport and in the City of New Orleans.”

“The men and women of the CEG, both our military and our Air Force civilians, were eager to contribute to the recovery effort,” said Col. Lemoyne F. Blackshear, 78th Civil Engineer Group commander. “We are proud of our deployed team and grateful for the opportunity to help our fellow citizens when they needed us.”

# X-ray vision

## Robins Airmen support special mission to save countless lives in theater

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First Lt. Rob Lough and Senior Airman Andrew Maddox were used to playing supporting roles in the War on Terrorism, but a special mission in 2004 put them in the lead role of saving troops’ lives.

Lieutenant Lough, 99th Air Refueling Squadron executive officer and aviation navigator, and Senior Airman Andrew Maddox, 116th Air Control Wing Operations Support Squadron Intelligence imagery analyst, were among about 30 servicemembers who volunteered for a mission involving the C-12 Horned Owl, a task that would uncover dangers that threaten ground troops’ safety.

Navigators, analysts and contractors from all four Armed Forces branches spent two weeks training in Bridge Water, Va., in March 2004 for the special mission aircraft used to uncover improvised explosive devices and weapons caches in theater.

“This aircraft was in the secretary of the Air Force’s mind, until it landed last year and was made part of an experimental program in the Middle East during combat,” Lieutenant Lough said.

The mission, which began

in June 2004 with a nine-person team of military and contractors from Andrews Air Force Base, Wash., followed by a larger team including the two Robins’ Airmen in later months, gave the Air Force a chance to see if the special operations aircraft could spot hidden dangers – and indeed it did.

“It was a 60-day effort to prove whether the aircraft could find these types of IEDs and weapons caches in Iraq,” said Lt. Col. Kent Shin, assistant for security and policy programs. “The mission was extended and 388 days later, it came back.”

Lieutenant Lough, who joined the Air Force in July 2002, said the mission gave him a chance to really make a difference.

“I know that because of the 4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Flight and because of the people at the 19th Air Refueling Group who covered for me while I was gone, there are people walking around today because we found the munitions before people could be hurt by them,” the Tennessee native said.

During the 90-day deployment, Lieutenant Lough spent many hours capturing images of anything that appeared suspicious. Airman Maddox, who often spent 16 hour dayx analyzing the

images captured by Lieutenant Lough, said the job’s long hours were well worth it.

“I would download and analyze all the information that came from the cameras,” he said. “I would identify anything that might be suspicious and relay it to the appropriate people.”

The father of two, who joined the service after 9/11, said the mission gave him the opportunity to do exactly what he wanted to do – save lives.

“It was great because I was actually able to do imagery work to save lives,” he said. “I wasn’t going over there to kill anybody or anything like that. I knew that what I was doing would save some of these Army, Air Force and Marine personnel that are walking and driving around out there.”

Airman Maddox said the experience was out of this world.

“It makes you feel like Superman,” he said. “They don’t know I’m here, but guess what? I can see them.”

According to Colonel Shin, imagery analysts spotted 21 IEDs and 24 weapons caches, containing thousands of shells, rocket propelled grenades and ammunition, found underground through hours of special camera analysis.

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EVENTS PLANNED**

Robins Air Force Base Fire Department, in conjunction with the National Fire Protection Association, will observe National Fire Prevention Week to raise awareness of the dangers of fire and the need to observe fire safety.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each October, and includes Oct. 9 in remembrance of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. This year's dates are Oct. 9-15. Fire prevention events at Robins begin Oct. 3.

This year's theme is "Use Candles With Care. When You Go Out, Blow Out." Even though Fire Prevention Week is observed only once a year, fire prevention issues are important year-round. This year's goal is to spread the message that fire safety does save lives.

With this year's campaign, the base fire department will focus on educating the base populace, pre-school, and school age children about fire safety and the importance of candle safety.

The public is encouraged to practice home fire evacuation escape plans at least twice each year, make sure that all family members know the escape plan, and test smoke detectors at least once each month.

This year's schedule of events at Robins includes:

- Oct. 3 – Fire Prevention poster contest at Robins Elementary School, 8:50 a.m.
- Oct. 4 – Sparky visits the Child Development Center West, Building 946, 9 a.m.
- Oct. 5 – Fire Drill at Robins Elementary, Building 988, 9 a.m.
- Oct. 6 – Sparky visits Child Development Center East, Building 943, 9 a.m.
- Oct. 7 – Hanging of Fire Prevention banners at Fifth, Main and First street gates and Russell Parkway gate, 9 a.m.
- Oct. 7 – Sparky visits Robins pre-kindergarten students, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Oct. 11-14 – Fire Safety trailer at Robins Elementary, 8:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
- Oct. 11-14 – Fire Prevention material handouts at Base Exchange, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The fire extinguisher maintenance shop will be closed Oct. 11 and 13. For more information, contact the Base Fire Prevention Section at 926-2145.

**BAND HOLDS FREE CONCERT**

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve and the Museum of Aviation will present the last concert of the free concert series Sept. 27, 7 p.m., at the museum amphitheatre. Reserve Generation will play contemporary adult hits, rhythm and blues, jazz, country, hits from the '60s, and selections from Billboard Magazine's Hot 100 including rock, rap and hip-hop. Concert goers are encouraged to come early and bring a picnic, lawn chairs and blankets. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the Century of Flight Hangar.

**EXCUSED ABSENCE VOTING**

The city of Warner Robins will hold a general election Nov. 8, and a runoff election, if necessary, Nov. 29. As a reminder, the voting leave policy for employees who request time off to vote in the Warner Robins city elections or for elections occurring in the surrounding cities/counties is as follows:

Employees can be excused, workload permitting, without charge to leave for the amount of time necessary to permit them to report to work two hours after the polls open or leave work two hours before the polls close, whichever requires the lesser amount of time off.

Polls are generally open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day. Employees who report to work at 9 a.m. or later, or end their tour of duty at 5 p.m. or before will not normally receive voting leave.

Employees voting in Houston, Bibb or Peach counties who are

the servicing Employee Relations Specialist at 6-0677 or 6-5802.

**MILITARY BALL RESERVATIONS  
ACCEPTED THROUGH OCT. 7**

Reservations will be taken through Oct. 7 for the 21st Middle Georgia Military Ball to take place Oct. 22, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar. Proceeds from the ball benefit the museum.

Entertainment will be provided by Full Spectrum, the jazz ensemble of the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve; the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team; and the

Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps.

The theme for this year's ball will be the 50th Anniversary of the U.S. Air Force's First Flight of the C-130. Anyone interested in attending should call their organizational monitors. The following are taking reservations:

- WR-ALC Command Section & Staff Offices – Shelley Ward, 222-0769
- WR-ALC/EN – Capt. David Drummond, 926-0540
- WR-ALC/MU – Linda DeRosa, 926-6870
- WR-ALC/PK – Stephanie Gissemann, 926-5236

- WR-ALC/QL – Betina Harris, 926-8739
- HQ AFRC – Master Sgt. Sonia McPhee, 327-1114
- 5 CCG – 2nd Lt. Russell Hammer or 2nd Lt. Mark Duncan, 327-8703
- 19 ARG – Master Sgt. Rodney McPhail, 926-4589
- 78 ABW – Diane Gross, 926-6203, or Kathy Fairfield, 926-4905
- 99 ARS – Capt. Daniel Whatley, 327-6784
- 116 ACW – 1st Lt. Vanessa Siffirin, 327-4470
- 330 ASW – Jeane Paris, 926-

- 6459
- 402 MXW – Kelley (Latham) Prestridge, 222-3533
- 413 FTG – Senior Master Sgt. O'Brian Webster, 222-2877
- 542 CSW – 2nd Lt. Nicole Rogers, 926-9765, or 2nd Lt. Jeff Seguin, 926-7280
- 622 MSS – Tech Sgt. Nancy Brown, 926-5801
- 653 CLSS – Master Sgt. Olin Wilson, 926-5046
- For more information, contact Wanda Hattaway at 222-3538 or wanda.hattaway@robins.af.mil or Kelley Prestridge at 222-3533 or kelly.prestridge@robins.af.mil.



► IN BRIEF

VETERANS RECRUITED AS TEACHERS

Bill Kirkland, representative for the Troops to Teachers program, will be at the Robins Education Center Sept. 28 from 10 to 11 a.m. to answer questions about Troops to Teachers. The briefing will be held in Building 905, Room 137. No reservations are necessary.

Troops to Teachers is a cooperative program between the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense that provides referral and placement assistance to men and women who have served the nation as members of the Armed Forces and who are seeking a second career as teachers in public schools. More information about this program is available at [www.proudtoserveagain.com](http://www.proudtoserveagain.com).

Mr. Kirkland will also discuss the Spouses to Teachers program. Information on this program is available at [www.spousestoteachers.com](http://www.spousestoteachers.com).

For more information, contact Fran Sheridan at the Base Education Office, 327-7325, or Mr. Kirkland at [bill.kirkland@gapsc.com](mailto:bill.kirkland@gapsc.com).

TURNING STRIPES INTO GOLD SEMINAR HELD

Capt. Donnell Myrick, assistant professor of Aerospace Studies, Air Force ROTC, at the University of Georgia, will host a commissioning seminar titled “Turning Stripes into Gold” at the Robins Enlisted Club today from 10 to 11 a.m. in the East Wing.

Captain Myrick will discuss various opportunities available to enlisted members in programs such as Airman Education and Commissioning Program (AECP), Scholarships for Outstanding Airman to ROTC (SOAR), and Professional Officer Course-Early Release Program (POC-ERP).

No reservations are necessary, and interested enlisted Airmen are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact the Base Education Office at 327-7304.

MILEAGE RATE CHANGES

Effective Sept. 1, the temporary duty privately owned vehicle mileage rate was changed to 48.5 cents. The mileage rates for motorcycles and airplanes have not changed.

The Internal Revenue Service publicized this change Sept. 12 and the automated travel pay system was subsequently updated. Since this change is retroactive, the Finance Office is re-computing all affected travel vouchers between Sept. 1-13. For more information, call 6-4021.

116TH ACW TELEPHONE NUMBERS CHANGE

The 116th Air Control Wing's Telephone System has been upgraded, effective today. As a result of this upgrade, all Wing telephone numbers with a 327

prefix will change to the following schema:

Commercial: (478) 201-1XXX, 2XXX, 3XXX, 4XXX, 5XXX.

DSN: (241) 241-1XXX, 2XXX, 3XXX, 4XXX, 5XXX.

The Wing will publish a telephone number directory prior to cutover to assist in locating new telephone numbers.

Also, in order to comply with Air Force Instruction the Dialing Plan will change in the following ways:

►7 digit dialing (instead of 5)

►To access DSN dial 94

(instead of 88)

►To access Commercial dial

99 (instead of 9)

►To access Long Distance

dial 98 (instead of 9)

Tech Sgt. Martin Chrisman is the point of contact, and can be reached at 7-6038, or 201-4322 post cutover.

# Paralegals help Air Force attorneys serve justice

By **HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD**  
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While going before a judge may make some people nervous, it's just another day at work for Staff Sgt. Tracy Huffman.

Sergeant Huffman, one of six military justice paralegals in the Base Legal Office here, works alongside four military attorneys, processing Article 15 (non-judicial) and court martial (judicial) actions.

The Georgia native, who fell in love with the legal career field during an internship at age 16, said while the job of rounding up witnesses, tracking down paperwork and handling whatever else attorneys need for cases is usually confined to an eight-hour workday, the role sometimes calls for longer hours.

"If you're a military paralegal, it's very sporadic," she said. "You have a 'to do' list when you come in and lots of meetings on some days."

Sergeant Huffman underwent a six-week training course at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., to prepare for the military paralegal career.

The 34-year-old mother of three is one of a few paralegals in the office who works with first sergeants and commanders to get non-judicial punishment processed.

"When someone commits an offense, the commander decides what punishment he wants," she said. "If it's an Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, then that's the forum the commander chooses to punish that person. We work with the attorneys in drafting all of the charges and the commander serves the punishment."

Whether compiling information for an Article 15 or gathering witnesses and evidence for a court martial, Sergeant Huffman



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**Pictured left to right are Staff Sgt. Tracy Huffman, Staff Sgt. Tawanda Cushenberry, Staff Sgt. Shakinna Underwood, and Staff Sgt. Cynthia Salge.**

said the job of a paralegal is involved.

"It's very tasking," she said. "For each assignment, whether it's an Article 15 or a court martial, there is a checklist we go by, which includes timelines, metrics to be met, etc. We have guidelines set by the Air Force Staff Judge Advocate General. It's very tasking, very tedious and a lot of paperwork."

And while some may think going through the motions of preparing for the legal cases and setting up wills and powers of attorney is hum-drum, Staff Sgt. Cynthia Salge, a 25-year-old paralegal who has worked with the Base Legal Office for a year, said the process of working the cases is very different.

"None of the cases are the same," she said. "They each have some kind of twist. So, it keeps things interesting."

Staff Sgt. Tawanda Cushenberry, also a military justice paralegal with the Base Legal Office, said when the pres-

sure is high, she knows she can rely on her fellow paralegals for help.

"Being in justice, you have to work as a team," she said. "When you have a court martial going on, that takes precedence over everything."

"You may be assigned to Article 15s or court martials, or you may be assigned to one case, but we all work together to get things done."

While the job's stress can be overwhelming at times, Sergeant Huffman said playing such an important role in the military justice system is rewarding.

"The best part of it is the job itself," she said. "Having your hands in everything and being able to research and learn about different parts of the military justice system is interesting. We get to know about everything that happens."

Sergeant Huffman said the job is a far cry from her previous career as an Air Force survival instructor.

"With my old job, we had a certain way of doing things," she said. "As a paralegal in military justice, you can do it this way for this case and it may be totally different for another case. You have to learn how to approach it."

Even though tension can run high in this job, Sergeant Cushenberry said knowing she has such a great impact on others' lives helps her stay focused.

"With my job, one mistake, especially in justice, can cost someone a whole lot," she said. "Someone's career is on the line. We deal with courts martial and Article 15s, which can follow someone in their career."

But the 30-year-old mother of two said she feels everyone's job is equally important to the Air Force mission.

"We're all here to protect and to serve," she said. "Whether you're on the flight line or you're here in the legal office, or if you're working in the hospital, I don't think anyone's job is any more important than the others."





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Airman 1st Class Josephine Cornnatchia plays “Taps” during the Honor Guard funeral demonstration.

# HONOR GUARD



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The firing party stands ready to give a 21-gun salute.

## Giving one last glimpse of Air Force honor

By LANORRIS ASKEW  
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Theirs is one of the most profound missions in the Air Force. And although their call of duty has nothing to do with aircraft, they leave a lasting impact on each and every life they touch.

They are the men and women of the Robins Honor Guard.



Master Sgt. Gary Scott is the Honor Guard Manager.

In a gesture of goodwill toward those who recently helped them complete renovations to their facility, The Robins Honor Guard gave a full display of what they do Sept. 14 during

their open house and ribbon cutting ceremony at Building 364. Made up of a cadre of 22 airmen, their mission is to provide military funeral service honors for Air Force retirees and veterans. Those honors are given with surgical precision, and from the pallbearers to the firing party they each take great pride in what they do.

Staff Sgt. Shannon Lampo said her job as base Honor Guard trainer gives her a chance to



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The pallbearer detail folds the flag during Robins' Honor Guard funeral demonstration Sept. 14.

watch Airmen who come through the unit grow into leaders before her eyes.

“This job is the best job anyone could ever ask for,” she said. “You take troops who don’t know anything, and you build them up and give them confidence. Some of these Airmen have never been put in a leadership position before, and you build their confidence up so much that they think they can go out and start leading other troops

### ROBINS HONOR GUARD COVERAGE AREA

The Robins Honor Guard, made up of members from the 78th Air Base Wing, 5th Combat Communications Group, 19th Air Refueling Group, 402nd Maintenance Wing and the 116th Air Control Wing, covers a 70,000 square mile territory including parts of Tennessee and Georgia and two counties in North Carolina. They provide military honors at approximately 600 funerals each year.

at their own unit.”

She added that the biggest pleasure is what they give to the families of the deceased.

“Providing military honors for

the family is sometimes the last thing they see of the military,” she said. “For some it’s the first time they’ve ever seen the military if they met the deceased after

retirement or discharge.”

Master Sgt. Gary Scott, Honor Guard manager agreed.

“It’s an indescribable feeling,” he said. “It’s very emotional, and it gives you a sense of pride and fulfillment of duty. This is the most fulfillment I’ve received in my 17 years of being in the military. Honoring those who served before me and who earned me the right to wear this uniform today.”

The Robins Honor Guard pro-

vides funeral services for veterans, those who served less than 20 years with either an honorable or general discharge; retirees, those who served more than 20 years and Active-duty military. Veterans receive a three-party honor guard, retirees receive a ten-party honor guard and active duty members receive a twenty-person funeral complete with the colors, a firing party and pallbearers.

According to Sergeant Lampo, the Honor Guard isn’t a permanent duty assignment. Instead 11 new Airmen rotate in every 45 days. During those 45 days they have a week of training where they’re taught their sequence of movements after which they train daily if no funerals are scheduled.

“We use this time to sharpen motions and movements,” said Sergeant Lampo. “It’s an every-day process.”

Col. Theresa Carter, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, cut the ribbon on the updated facility and called it a fitting tribute to the ambassadors of the Air Force.

“The people we had out there today rendering honors do that rain or shine,” she said. “They do it with perfection and precision every day thanks to the efforts of the honor guard leaders and the squadrons that make them available to provide the honor guard capability at Robins.

“Considering what they do for us it’s fitting that we now give them a world-class facility from which to operate and train.”



TODAY

All-you-can-eat catfish and the fixings are served from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Officers' Club. For more information, call 926-2670.

Catfish on the curb is offered Fridays from 5 – 7 p.m. at the enlisted club. To-go dinners include catfish, coleslaw or potato salad and hush puppies for \$5.95. For more information, call the club at 926-4515.

Enjoy Thunder Alley bowling every Friday and Saturday from 9 - 11 p.m. at the Robins Lanes Bowling Center. Friday is family night. Children 12 years old and younger bowl for \$5; over 12 years old, \$10. On Saturdays everyone bowls for \$10 per person. This includes all the games you can bowl in two hours and shoes. For more information call 926-2112.

Get back in top form for the new bowling season by bowling Monday – Friday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cost is \$3 for three games. For more information call 926-2112.

The Joint Forces Bingo, located in the east wing of the Enlisted Club, has new surprises and door prizes. The hours are Tuesday through Friday with games starting at 7:15 p.m. Games begin at 2:45 p.m. on Sundays. Enjoy bar bingo five nights a week at 6 p.m. Anyone with an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, Department of Defense or family member identification card is eligible to play. The entry fee is free to all Robins' club members, bona fide guests and active duty or retired widow club members, and \$5 for eligible non-club members. For more information call 926-4515 or Teresa Resta at 926-1303.

SATURDAY

Robins Hispanic Heritage Committee presents the Hispanic Spectacular Cultural Show Sept. 24 at the Museum of Aviation amphitheater, 6-10 p.m. Enjoy a night of cultural music and live performances including live mariachi, singing and dancing. Bring your lawn chairs, snacks and beverages (no alcohol). This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.robins.af.mil/heritage](http://www.robins.af.mil/heritage), or call Louie Barrientes at 222-1376.

A family bike hike "Poker Run" best hand wins is slated for Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Get your boots and hats and mosey on down to the Robins Officers' Club for Country & Western fun Sept. 24 starting at 6 p.m. Western dinner special includes sweet jalapeno glazed roasted half chicken, chuck-wagon corn, garlic red skin mashed potatoes, smoked bell pepper combread, salad bar, peach cobbler and beverage. Cost is \$12.95 for members; \$13.95 for nonmembers. Best-dressed cowboy and cowgirl and yodeling contests will be held. A country and western band will be entertaining from 7 – 11 p.m. For more information call 926-2670.

Come out and enjoy an active duty and military retiree special of 18 holes of golf on Saturdays in September. Cost is \$18 and includes 18 holes of golf, car and green fee after 11 a.m. For more information call Pine Oaks Golf Course at 926-4103.

SUNDAY

The Officers' Club brunch is from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. with all-you-care-to-enjoy breakfast and dinner entrees. Cost is \$9.95 for members and \$11.95 for nonmembers. For more information, call 926-2670.

MONDAY

Family Night Bingo will be held at the Smith Community Center Sept. 26. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. Cost is \$3 per package (limit three packages per person). Every child leaves with a door prize. This is a 3C event. For more information call civilian recreation at 926-1303.

Line dance lessons are held every Monday from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Smith Community Center ballroom. Cost is \$30 per person, and class size is limited to 40 students. Must be 16 years and older to participate. For more information, call 926-2105.

TUESDAY

Ultimate Frisbee pick-up games will be held each Tuesday beginning at 5 p.m. on the parade grounds. Games are open to men and women of all skill levels. Bring cleats and a white and dark colored shirt. For more information call

Services spotlight



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The Information, Tickets and Travel office has tickets for the Oct. 1 and 2 Food World 300 and UAW-Ford 500 at the Talladega Super Speedway in Talladega, Ala. Tickets located in the Talladega section are \$110. This is for both days and includes a pre-pit pass for Sunday's race. Tickets are also available for the Oct. 29 and 30 Easy Care Vehicle Service Contracts 200 and Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500 at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. Tickets are \$50 for both days and are located in the east turn section. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

Ryan Stich at 222-4346.

Karaoke is held at the Enlisted Club every Tuesday from 8 p.m. - midnight with Bobbie. For more information, call 926-4515.

WEDNESDAY

World-wide talent auditions, the essential first step to become a Tops In Blue performer, will be held Sept. 28 at the Smith Community Center. Taped auditions begin at 5 p.m. and are open to all active duty Air Force members. Sign up by Sept. 26 by visiting or calling the community center at 926-2105.

Enjoy a couple's night out while playing a 9-hole scramble at the Pine Oaks Golf Course Sept. 28 at 5 p.m. Cost is \$25 per annual green fee couple or \$35 per non-annual green fee couple and includes green fee, golf car, food and prizes. For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

Dance lessons are given every Wednesday from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Officers' Club. For more information, call 926-2670.

THURSDAY

Come out to the greatest after work party and ladies night out every Thursday from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. Cost is \$2 for members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information call 926-4515.

UPCOMING

A member guest day is slated for Pine Oaks Golf Course in September. Guests of annual green fee members pay green fees and receive free golf car. Member may invite up to three guests. For more information call 926-4103.

The Fit Factor kickoff will be held Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. – noon at the youth center. Events will include a climbing wall challenge, free throw contest, obstacle course, bike races and relays to include scooter, bouncy ball, and more. The school-age and teen center will conduct a fitness-a-thon to help raise funds for the Red Cross to contribute to Hurricane Katrina aid from 9 – 10 a.m. Light refreshments will be provided. This kickoff event is open to participants ages 5 and older. For more information, call the youth center at 926-2110.

The Information, Tickets and Travel office has tickets for the Oct. 1 - 2 Food World 300 and UAW-Ford 500 at the Talladega Super Speedway in Talladega, Ala. Tickets located in the Talladega section are \$110. This is for both days and includes a pre-pit pass for Sunday's race. Tickets are also available for the Oct. 29 - 30 Easy Care Vehicle Service Contracts 200 and Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500 at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. Tickets are \$50 for both days and are located in the east turn section. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

The Hispanic Heritage Observation Luncheon will be held Oct. 3 at the Enlisted Club from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10, and can be obtained at [www.robins.af.mil/heritage](http://www.robins.af.mil/heritage). Keynote speaker will be Dr. Gabriel A. Rincon-Mora, engineer, scholar, author, artist and inventor. He has written

three books, has 21 U.S. Patents, and has been published in numerous technical journals and conference publications. For more information, call Ed Armijo at 926-6301 or email [edward.armijo@robins.af.mil](mailto:edward.armijo@robins.af.mil).

The Family & Teen Talent Show will be held Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. on stage in the Smith Community Center ballroom. A required performers meeting will be held Oct. 4 from 4 – 6 p.m. and rehearsals will be held Oct. 5 – 7 beginning at 5 p.m. Performer categories include:

- Parent and youth team – one parent and one youth
- Husband and wife team – one eligible member and one spouse (both may be active duty)
- Children – ages 3 to 5, solo or group; ages six to eight, solo or group
- Pre-teens – ages 9 to 12, solo or group
- Teens – ages 13 to 15, solo vocal, solo instrumental, solo performance specialty or group; ages 16 to 18, solo vocal, solo instrumental, solo performance specialty or group.

The minimum number of performers in a family group is three. A parent and child combo may include family members outside their immediate family. Any size group is authorized with the age of the oldest child determining the category. For more information about the show and the required activities leading up to the event, please call the community center at 926-2105.

Georgia National Fair admission tickets for \$5.50 and ride sheets for \$10 are available at ITT. The fair is Oct. 7 – 16. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

A fall classic will be held Oct. 6 – 8 at Pine Oaks Golf Course. Classic includes a 54-hole team event and individual event. Cost is \$100 per player and includes three days of golf with golf car, ice breaker, dinner, awards and prizes. Limited to the first 100 active duty and retired active duty players. There will be an additional 80 spots for all other eligible players. All players are automatically entered into the individual competition. Both events will run concurrently and will be conducted in accordance with USGA and local rules. To learn more call the golf course at 926-4103.

The Orgullo Hispano Luncheon will be held Oct. 14 at the Officers' Club from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Tickets can be obtained at [www.robins.af.mil/heritage](http://www.robins.af.mil/heritage). Keynote speaker will be Col. Pedro Vasquez. For details and ticket price, contact Andy Diaz at 926-1785 or 1786, or Ruben Dominguez at 926-1217 or [ruben.dominguez@robins.af.mil](mailto:ruben.dominguez@robins.af.mil).

A Breast Cancer Awareness Walk/Run, presented by the Health and Wellness Center, Civilian Health Promotion Service, and 78th Services Division, will be held Oct. 14, 11 a.m. - noon, at the Base Gym outside track. In case of inclement weather, the walk will be held on the inside track. Refreshments and giveaways will follow the walk. To register, call 327-8032/8031 before Oct. 7.

A banquet in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Observation month will be held Oct. 15 from 6 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Enlisted Club. For more information including ticket price, call Miriam Rodriguez or Gopi Weldon at 926-7249.

The 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing will hold a family picnic Oct. 22 in Robins Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for 542nd CSW employees and their family members. There will be activities for the whole family including softball, volleyball, basketball, horseshoes, moon walk, disc jockey, balloon toss, clown, face painting, and a scavenger hunt with GPS equipment. There will also be a special appearance by McGruff the Crime Dog and the Warner Robins Fire Department's Spenders and Droops. Tickets are \$2 for adults. Children under 12 are free. Visit the 542nd CSW intranet webpage for further details.

A Veteran's Day Celebration will be held Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park in Cordele, with a ceremony at 3 p.m. In attendance will be the Heart of Georgia Pipes and Drums, Crisp County High School JROTC Color Guard, and guest speaker Tommy Clack, Vietnam veteran. A car and truck show will be held Nov. 12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. A radio-controlled model airplane fly-in will be held Nov. 12 and 13. For more information, call 229-276-2371.

Tickets for the Fox Theatre and Radio City Christmas Spectacular featuring The Rockettes are available at ITT for \$60. Shows are scheduled for 11 a.m. on Nov. 19 and Dec. 3.

ONGOING

A new Air Force Club Membership card will be reissued to current club card members. The new card depicts the Thunderbirds and incorporates the Chase logo and the Services logo and will retain the same rate, terms and benefits. Members will receive an invitation to enroll in the Military Free Cash program upon receipt of the new card. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-4515 or the officers' club at 926-2670.

The overflow locker room is available Monday – Friday, 5 a.m. – 7 p.m., for men only. There is no towel service (bring your own) and lockers are available for daily use only. Restrooms are available at the HAWC during 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

A Pine Oaks Golf Course open house is open to all members of Middle Georgia golf courses Monday through Friday. Cost is \$18 and participants must show valid membership card. For more information call 926-4103.

Air Force Materiel Command Texas Hold 'Em tournaments continue at the Robins Enlisted Club Sept. 24 with sign up at 12:30 p.m. Games start at 1 p.m. This is free to club members and is \$15 for nonmembers. For more information call 926-4515.

Join the Enlisted Club or Officers' Club between now and Nov. 30 and you could win \$1,000. New and current member winners will receive a \$1,000 credit towards their club card account. For more information call the Enlisted Club, 926-4515, or Officers' Club, 926-2670.

To have an item listed, send it to Amanda Smith at [amanda.smith@robins.af.mil](mailto:amanda.smith@robins.af.mil) by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

NOW PLAYING



Adult tickets are \$3.50; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.



TODAY

Valiant  
Animated

A lowly wood pigeon named Valiant overcomes his small size to become a hero in Great Britain's Royal Air Force Homing Pigeon Service during World War II. The RHPS advanced the Allied cause by flying vital messages about enemy movements across the English Channel, whilst evading brutal attacks by the enemy's Falcon Brigade. (G) 76 minutes

SATURDAY

Four Brothers

Mark Wahlberg, Andre Benjamin

After their adoptive mother is murdered during a grocery store hold-up, the Mercer brothers—hotheaded Bobby, hard-edged Angel, family man and businessman Jeremiah, and hard rocking Jack—reunite to take the matter of her death into their own hands. As they track down the killer, they quickly realize that their old ways of doing business have new consequences. R (strong violence, pervasive language and some sexual content) 109 minutes (No one under 17 admitted without an accompanied parent or guardian)

UPCOMING

Undiscovered

Pell James, Steven Strait

An aspiring New York model falls in love with a struggling musician when they suddenly cross paths on the subway. PG-13 (sexual material including dialogue, partial nudity, language and drug content) 97 minutes

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant

General services take place Sundays at 11 a.m. The service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and format. Protestant inspirational services take place Sundays at 8 a.m. Contemporary services take place 11 a.m. Sundays at the Base Theater. This service is informal and includes traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave.

To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Amanda Smith at: [amanda.smith@robins.af.mil](mailto:amanda.smith@robins.af.mil).

Submissions run for two weeks.

The following people have been approved as leave recipients.

Robert (Bob) Scheve, 542 ESG/GBENI.

Point of contact is Tim Nettles at 6-5064.

Norman J. Hunt, WRALC/LSELE.

Point of contact is Tim Buice at 6-4617.



# Extended family reaches out to family in need

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Just days before Hurricane Katrina made landfall devastating the Gulf Coast region, Latifa Johnson gathered her children, packed a few belongings and trekked from Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., to the safety of Robins.

What the wife and mother of three – ages 12, 6 and 4 – thought would be at most a weekend stay has since turned into a three-week wait in an unfamiliar area where she depends on the kindness of those who, less than a month ago, were complete strangers.

“We thought we’d be home in a couple of days,” she said seated in the Robins temporary lodging facility where she awaits word of a possible return home date. “We packed enough clothing for three days and told my husband we’d see him on Monday.”

After watching television reports of the damage to her home base and city she was desperate to contact her husband, an air traffic controller with the 81st Operational Support Flight. To do so she sought the help of the 78th Operational Support Squadron here.

“Since my husband is an air traffic controller at Keesler, I was reluctant to call anyone else so I called them to see if they could help,” said Mrs. Johnson.

Because the DSN lines were the only communication lines working and contact with the tower was nearly impossible, they were her best shot. And, although that initial call was simply for help contacting her husband, it resulted in much more.

Twenty minutes after she hung up the phone, Master Sgt. Renee Jackson was on her way over with words of comfort, food, clothing and toys for the kids.

“It was really nice,” said Mrs. Johnson. “Not so much for the material things, but just knowing that you’re not alone and that someone kind of sympathizes with you.”

Sergeant Jackson said the 78th OSS is a family that takes



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**Latifah Johnson surprised members of the 78th OSS in the traffic control tower Friday, Sept. 16 with a cake to show her appreciation.**

care of family.

“When we heard that one of our own was in need, everyone stepped up to the plate and assisted the Johnsons during this trying time,” she said. “Today all our Airmen understand that someday this might be them and hope that other members of the OSS organization would step up and help them.”

Mrs. Johnson said she has no idea how long her family will be here, but Robins has made her feel at home away from home. In the midst of her struggle she reached out to those who had supported her in the best way she could. In a surprise gesture, she climbed to the top of the OSS tower Sept. 16 to deliver treats to the squadron members.

“The tower appreciates Mrs. Johnson’s generous heart because we see how little people have left and the hard times of trying to replace what was lost and get their lives back to some kind of normalcy,” said Sergeant Jackson on behalf of the squadron. “Mrs. Johnson will always be a part of the 78th OSS and we will help her in anything she or anyone else might need.”

As she and others wait, Mrs. Johnson said they must be strong for their children.

“You can’t show your children your true feelings,” she said “You have to get up every morning with a smile. When they’re

asleep, that’s when your brain seems not to rest – you’re calling and dealing with the insurance and trying to get your medical files – you just go from hurdle to hurdle.”

One giant hurdle they must overcome is the loss of their brand new home. Just days before the storm hit Mrs. Johnson and her family had just finished moving their belongings into a much awaited home of their own.

“We’d been building the house since January and had been anticipating moving in for seven months,” she said. “We’d finally closed on the house, moved all of our stuff in and were concentrating on the final inspection for our base housing. Two days later we had to leave.”

Their dream home is now considered uninhabitable, as is much of the severely damaged on-base housing at Keesler.

“There are still curfews, the commissary is closed, so is the BX and the hospital,” she said. “They are telling us to sit tight and wait.”

She said the insecurity is awful.

“It’s not so much the house, but not knowing what’s going to happen,” she said. “Not being with my husband is the worst. The family is divided and the kids are asking for their father all of the time. Even though he calls when he can, it’s hard being sep-

arated and the kids feel so disrupted.”

The experience with Robins has been a good one though. In spite of being uprooted she said the people and services at Robins have been top-notch.

“We were some of the first evacuees to arrive here, and I was very surprised at how quickly everyone responded,” she said. “Even though they weren’t prepared for us at first they were able to get the children in to school very quickly. It took two or three days and everything was rolling in an effort to give some sense of normalcy. I was very grateful for that.”

Although her days have their dark points like dealing with the insurance company, she said the atmosphere here makes it a little bit easier.

“Everyone is very friendly,” she said. “I never remembered names at my base, but in this situation I’m remembering everyone’s name who has helped me out.”

She said that includes the sergeant in Finance, to the staff at the Family Support and Tricare and even the bagger at the commissary.

“This is an awesome base and if I could stay here I definitely would,” she said. “I’d pick this over Hawaii or any other base. I told my husband I’d have no problem retiring here.”

## Guardsman selected as ESSO

Lt. Col. Murray Hansen of Warner Robins was selected as Executive Support Staff Officer for Headquarters, Georgia Air National Guard. The announcement was made by Major Gen. Scott Hammond, commander of the Georgia Air National Guard.

Colonel Hansen is currently assigned to the 116th Air Control Wing, Robins, as the Operations Support Flight director of operations. He is rated as a navigator in the B-52 and B-1 aircraft and serves as an air battle manager in

the E-8 Joint STARS aircraft. He has more than 17 years of combined active and Air Guard service and is a veteran of Desert Storm flying 11 combat sorties in the B-52. He is married with three children and one grandson.

In his new position, Hansen, a nine-year veteran of the Georgia Air National Guard and a 22-year veteran of the Air Force will coordinate all daily administrative management duties for the Georgia Air National Guard.





AIR FORCE GOLF TRAINING CAMP

Top golfers advance to Armed Forces Golf Championship

Twenty-nine golfers competed in the Air Force Golf Training Camp held at Pine Oaks Golf Course at Robins Sept. 13-16. The top six men and three women advanced to the Armed Forces Golf Championship in Parris Island, S.C., held Sept. 20 through today.

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Pictured left are members of the Air Force Golf team who advanced to the Armed Forces Golf Championship. Front row, left to right: Amy Rongey, Robins Air Force Base; Linda Jeffery, Little Rock Air Force Base; Tammy Garcia, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base; Arnell Garza, Fairchild Air Force Base; Back row: Mike Membrila, Robins Air Force Base; Ben Leestma, Eglin Air Force Base; Chris McIlwain, Robins; Robert Campbell, Moody Air Force Base; and Mark Gardiner, Scott Air Force Base.



Left: Mark Gardiner, Scott Air Force Base, and Linda Jeffery, Little Rock Air Force Base, were the overall winners in the Air Force Golf Training Camp. Gardiner had a total four-day score of 288 and Jeffery had a score of 303.

Above: Craig Mills of Luke Air Force Base gets himself out of the sand at the 9th hole at Pine Oaks Golf Course.



Left: Jeff Kritsberg from Offutt Air Force Base, lines up his next shot on the 9th hole at Pine Oaks golf course during the Air Force Golf Training Camp.



# Some Airmen can carry over ‘use or lose’ leave

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- Airmen who were recalled from or unable to take annual leave this past year for reasons such as support for contingency operations will be allowed to accumulate more than the normal 60 days after the fiscal year ends.

Special leave accrual carry over also applies to the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members who performed full-time training or other full-time duties for more than 29 days.

Airmen who lost leave may carry the following leave amounts:

- Up to 120 days for Airmen deployed or assigned to hostile fire/imminent danger pay areas;
- Up to 90 days for Airmen who deployed or were assigned to other than hostile fire/imminent danger locations; and
- Up to 90 days for Airmen impacted by significant and unforeseen operational mission requirements as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

Additionally, Airmen who lost leave as a consequence of assignments in support of contingency operations as of Sept. 30, 2005, are authorized restoration of the leave they lost.

“This program is meant to enable people to take leave they’ve earned,” said Tech. Sgt. Deitra Mathis, NCOIC, field operations, leave and commander’s support staff programs at the Air Force Personnel Center here. “For the program to work as planned, though, those affected need to take not only the leave they are carrying over now, but also the leave they will earn during the next fiscal year, or they may lose leave next year.”

Those Airmen who meet the criteria for having excess leave should contact their local military personnel flight, customer service element for additional guidance such as eligibility to carry over leave beyond the following fiscal year.

# End-of-year retirees asked to call retirement specialist by Oct. 14

Employees planning to retire at the end of December 2005 or the beginning of January 2006 should call his or her servicing retirement specialist no later than Oct. 14, 2005, to have his retirement application prepared in a timely manner.

This does not apply to those who are planning to retire any other time of the year.

Once a person has officially notified his retirement specialist, he or she will be provided a retirement application package and scheduled for a group retirement session. Completed application packages should be brought to that session. Due to a large number of retirements at that time each year, retirement group sessions for the end-of-year retirements will be scheduled during November.

The Oct. 14 notification date ensures ample processing time for retirement applications, reducing chances of a delay in receipt of retirement pay. For more information, contact servicing Retirement Specialists Delores Stephens or Cheri Coklow at 926-5307.



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# From Katrina to Rita

ELLINGTON FIELD, Texas -- After 19 days of supporting the Hurricane Katrina relief effort in New Orleans, Airmen from the 147th Fighter Wing return home Sept. 19 to prepare for Hurricane Rita. Approximately 100 Air National Guardsmen from the 147th conducted security patrols and assisted in door-to-door recovery operations while in New Orleans. If Hurricane Rita makes a damaging landfall, a base spokesman said the Airmen will stand poised to render help in the Houston area.

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# Concert series nears end



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Above: Tech Sgt. Bill Granger (left), Staff Sgt. Marcel Marchetti (center) and Staff Sgt. Eric Frank of the Blue Notes add some brass to a jazz tune during the band's Sept. 20 concert at the Museum of Aviation amphitheatre. The free concert was part of a series presented by The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve and the Museum of Aviation. At left: Staff Sgt. Frances Wright sings and dances for the crowd.

Reserve Generation will perform the final concert of the series Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the amphitheatre. They will play contemporary adult hits, rhythm and blues, jazz, country, hits from the 1960s, and selections from Billboard Magazine's Hot 100 including rock, rap and hip-hop. Concert goers are encouraged to come early and bring a picnic, lawn chairs and blankets. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the Century of Flight Hangar.